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ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Favorite Record

MUSIC: Quartet, "Swanee" Song

ANNOUNCER: The famous old showboats that plied the Mississippi River have long been a picturesque part of the Southland. Whenever these quaint, floating theaters tied up at the wharf, great crowds from near and far flocked out to see the show. And nowadays, on the National Forests, there are showboats of another kind; perhaps not so brilliant and colorful, but every bit as popular. Forest Service showboats are usually small trailers under the command of a "showboat" driver. And their backwoods route they take is far from glamorous. They travel over rough, rutted roads, and through the most primitive country, in order to bring the message of conservation to the people of the backwoods. In many cases, in country schools, and other places where the people are not so well educated, the message of conservation is delivered.

Well, it's time for us to go again to the Pine Cone National Forest. Since now, under the Reclamation Act, we have the office of the Ranger Station, and Mary Holloway, the local school teacher, is just coming in the door —

DOOR OPENS:

MARY: (OFF) Hello, everybody!

MARY: (ON) Hello, everybody!

DOOR CLOSING

MARY: (OFF) Mr. Jerry came to get the movie for tonight.

JIM: Yes, he had to go all the way to the city to get the films. They had a showing at the Farm Bureau, along with some pictures on cooking, and Jerry's going to bring the whole works with him.

MARY: Are you going to show the cooking pictures tonight?

JIM: No, they're for the next meeting of the Ladies' Guild. Some sort of demonstration films made by the Home Economics Bureau, I think they are.

MARY: I wish we could have more of your Forest Service pictures, to show in school.

JIM: The kids like 'em, do they?

MARY: I should say they do. I honestly think we'd be able to teach them more if we had more movies.

JIM: If you did, maybe you'd have as much trouble keepin' the young ones home from school as you have now to make 'em go.

MARY: I think you're right, Mr. Robbins.

PHONE RINGS: RECEIVER LIFTED

JIM: Pine Cone Ranger Station --- This is Jim Robbins --- Hello, there, Steve. Haven't heard from you in a coon's age---Sure. That's right -- About eight o'clock at the schoolhouse here in Winding Creek -- No, we'll only have one show--Won't cost you a cent. It's free to anybody that wants to come -- Are you gonna bring the Mrs. and the kids? That's good, Steve. We'll be lookin' for you--Bye.

(RECEIVER ON HOOK) Say, Bess, that was Steve Mitchell. He's going to bring his family in to the movies tonight.

BESS: Well, for goodness sake, Jim. Why, we haven't seen Steve and his wife since last summer at the county fair.

PHONE RINGS:

JIM: Sounds like we're having a run on the house.

RECEIVER LIFTED:

JIM: Pine Cone Ranger Station --- Well, hello, Mrs. Melcher. -- Fine as frog's hair. How have you been getting along? -- That's good -- Uhuh -- About 8 o'clock --- At the schoolhouse That's right -- We'll see you there. 'Bye

BESS: Jim, don't tell me Mrs. Melcher is coming to the movies tonight

JIM: That's what she says.

BESS: (LAUGHING) Well, I never

JIM: Well, if you want my honest opinion, I don't think she's coming to see the movie. I suspect she's attracted by the fact that it's a good chance to pick up any new gossip that might be floating around.

BESS: Why, Jim, that isn't a nice thing to say about her.

JIM: Isn't it, Bess? I tell her about it every time I see her. I think she enjoys the reputation of the town's number one gossip. Makes her feel she's in a class of her own.

MARY: She certainly is.

LOOKING ON DOOR

JIM: (FADING) Well, I wonder you that is?

DOOR OPENS

TEX: (EASY, WESTERN DRAWL) (OFF THE) Howdy, Jim. Come
I ain't late trustin' you,

JIM: Hello, Tex. Come on in. Of course you aren't interruptin'.

TEX: (FADING IN) We come to see the movie tonight and
I just wanted to drop by and pay my respects to you
all. Ready, Mrs. Robbins. Hawdy, Mrs.

DOOR CLOSES

THEY HEARLY

BESS: Did you bring the family with you, Tex?

TEX: Yes. They're out in the car.

BESS: By goodness, why don't you bring them in?

TEX: We gotta do some buyin' down at Andy Goodman's
place, Bess. And my wife she said to tell you she'd
give to see you all at the movie, so she wouldn't come
in right now. She's holdin' the babe, and she's all
wrapped up, so she ain't wanta trouble no one
none. She has to go to

BESS: Well now, why don't you go buyin' and come back
and see us? I can't see you no more
in six weeks.

TEX: Sure is nice of you all to ask me, Bess. But I been
promisin' the kids for a long time I'd take 'em to a restaurant
for a special meal. And you know how kids are. If you promise 'em
something you gotta come through, else they won't trust no more.

MARY: What's happened, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: Jerry ran a wheel off the snowboat truck. Sarge
nobody's hurt, but he's about 40 miles from here on
the highway.

BESS: I'm so glad he wasn't hurt.

MARY: But what about the movies for tonight?

BESS: Oh, dear. I never thought. Jim, you can't possibly
drive forty miles to where Jerry is, and get back here
in time to put on the pictures.

JIM: Well, Bess, I don't see any other way around it. I can't
let folks go home disappointed, when they've come so
far with their families to see our pictures.

BESS: But it's eighty miles, Jim.

JIM: I think I can make it by 8 o'clock if I'm lucky.

BESS: But Jim, it isn't safe to drive fast with all the snow
there is on the roads.

JIM: Oh, I won't have to drive fast if I can start right
now, Bess. Now you and Mary go on down to the school
house alone about seven-thirty, and let folks know that
we're going to have a show some time tonight. (FADING)
If they're willing to drive into town --

CURTIS UP AND OUT

FADE IN VOICES OF CROWD LAUGHING AND CHATTERING. (FADING)

VOICES: Hey, Mr. Robbins, when are you gonna start the show? When's
the movie start? What time's the show?

1 BESS: We'll start just as soon as Mr. Robbins gets here.
 2 The truck broke down and he had to go after the film.
 3 VOICES: Mrs. Robbins says Jim's bringin' the film. Oughta start
 4 pretty soon.
 5 MARY: (FADING IN) The amplifier is back of the screen now.
 6 Mrs. Robbins. One of the CCC boys hooked it up for her.
 7 BESS: And the projector's all ready to put the film into
 8 it as soon as Jim gets here.
 9 MARY: I's almost eight-thirty.
 10 BESS: I wish Jim hadn't gone after the film. So many
 11 accidents happen at night on the icy roads.
 12 MARY: Oh, there isn't any ice on the highway, Mrs. Robbins.
 13 I expect he's just driving slowly to be careful.
 14 BESS: Not Jim, he never things of himself.
 15 MARY: Oh, dear, I wish those boys could stop playing too.
 16 They're old enough to know better.
 17 BESS: I don't think boys ever get that old, Mary.
 18 BESS: I'm afraid they'll tear down the school house before the
 19 evenin's over.
 20 BESS: They'll be quiet enough when the movies start.
 21 MRS. MELCHER. (LOCAL GOSSIP CHAIR - FADING IN) Oh, Beas, is there
 22 anything I could do to help?
 23 BESS: Thank you, Mrs. Melcher, but I guess there isn't
 24 anything we can do but wait for Jim.
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Oh, well, not here if he said he would. Don't
you worry now, dear. --- Oh -- I wanted to ask you
if you knew about that new girl they have down in
the restaurant, Mrs. Robbins? She's ---

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Oh, I don't, Mrs. Melcer. Mr. Robbins said you're
going to have a picture called "Winter Wonderland"
tonight. It's about winter sports on the "National
Forests. And it's supposed to have some funny scenes
in it about people trying to learn to ski. And
there's another one called "Forest Fire Weather" ---

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Oh, I know it's going to be very, very interesting.
You know, that new girl just came ---

357:

Mr. Robbins said the weather picture's one of
the most popular the Forest Service ever had.

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Oh, I can't wait to see it. They say this new
restaurant girl came from ---

359:

(BOYS START CHANT RAGGEDLY AND PICK UP RHYTHM AS
THEY PROGRESS) We want a movie. We want a movie ---

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(AGAINST IT) Oh, these stupid boys. Listen, Mrs.
Robbins, I wanted to tell you about ---

DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES WITH BANG

361:

(CHANT STOPS) Hey, here comes Jim. 'Ray for Jim!

362:

(FADING I) Hang onto your seats, folks. We'll have
a show in a couple of minutes now.

363:

Heavens, I'm glad you got here, Jim.

MARY: Where's Jerry? Didn't he come with you, Mr. Robbins?

JIM: He had to take care of the truck, Mary -- He'll be here later. Well, let's see our film.

(SCENE OF INITIAL CASES ON FLOOR)

MRS. J.: I'm so tickled you got here, Jim. I wouldn't miss the show for anything. Well, I guess I better make up seat before someone else gets it.

BESS: Yes, Mary, Mrs. Malabar.

JIM: Can you open up these cans of film, Bess, while I get my dad's off?

BESS: Yes, Jim.

MARY: One of the CCC boys set up the machines, Mr. Robbins. I think it's all right.

JIM: All right, I guess I'll have to try my hand at running it myself. Tell Jerry to sit here. Let me have the first reel of the film. It says "number one" on the top of the container.

(GLATTER OF PLACING REEL IN PROJECTOR)

BESS: Oh, Jim -- look at this case the film was in.

JIM: What is it, Bess?

BESS: It says on the label that the title is "The Art of Cooking Vegetables."

JIM: Let me see -- by George, it is. That's not a forestry film.

MARY: It must be the film Jerry was bringing for the League Guild. We can't see that with this crowd!

BESS: Goodness, what can we do?

JIM: I don't see anything on the reel of film that says what it is.

MARY: Could Jerry have got the films in the wrong case?

JIM: I don't know. Let's try a little of it to see what it is. Will you turn off the lights, Mary? And everybody keep your fingers crossed.

CLICK OF LIGHT SWITCH

MARY: All right, Mr. Robbins.

WHIRR OF PROJECTOR

MOVIE ANNOUNCER VOICE: (FILTER OFF AIRE) The United States

Forest Service presents "Forest Fire Weather"

JIM: There it is! That's the right film after all.

(RAISING VOICE) All right everybody, the show's on!

(CROWD CHEERS AND WHISTLES AS MUSIC COLES UP AND SUSTAINS BACK OF ANNOUNCER)

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